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THE OBSERVATOR.

On the Election of Sir George Thorold, *and* Francis Eyles, *Esq; for Sheriffs of* London *and* Middlesex, *with the Consequences of it to the Faction. More Remarks on their Addresses.*

From **Saturday**, June 24, to **Wednesday**, June 28. 1710.

Countrym. YOu have heard, Master, that the Citizens of *London* have chosen Sir *George Thorold*, and *Francis Eyles*, Esquire, Two Worthy Gentlemen, to be Sheriffs, and that they carried it by a very great Majority, without a Poll.

Obs. Yes, *Roger*, I heard it with very great Satisfaction, and think that the Citizens of *London* have in this Matter acted as became good Christians, good Subjects, and good Patriots. They have by this Seasonable Piece of Zeal Vindicated the Honour of the Noblest City of the Universe, which had suffered so much in its Reputation by *Sacheverell*'s Scandalous and Seditious Sermon, in their Cathedral, before their Chief Magistrates, by his insolent Dedication of it, by the Rebellious Mobs which his Faction rais'd in and about the City to obstruct the Course of Parliamentary Justice against him, and by the Illuminations, and other Insults, a hot-headed Party in it put upon the Government, when he came off with so easie a Punishment. This will open the Eyes of the Nation, and of all *Europe*, and let them see that the Noisie and Turbulent Faction, who have so openly declared themselves to be Enemies to our Constitution, have not that Interest in the Nation which they give out, and value themselves so much upon. *London* has always had, as it justly ought to have, a great Influence upon the Kingdom, because it has the chief Interest in it; so that this Instance alone shews the Strength of the Revolution Party, when they have a mind to exert themselves to be greater than all the Seditious Addresses procured by Trick, handed about with Noise, and seconded by Mobs rais'd by Art, can be able to ballance. The Faction may now see the Falshhood of the Incendiary's Suggestion in the Dedication of his 5th of *November* Sermon, whereby he insinuated the Number of *Examples of unshaken Steadiness to his wretched Cause to be so great in the City, that if they would act with the same open and undaunted Resolution as his Patron, what he calls Affrighting Phantoms must vanish.* His own Friends must now be convinced, to their Mortification, that their False Prophet has been as much out in the General, as they themselves have found him to have been in his Particular, Application.

Countrym. They have certainly very good Reason, Master; for tho' their Party acted with Openness enough, and added Insolence and Tricks to their misapplied Resolution, the affrighted Phantoms, as he calls 'em, have now made it evident to the World that they are a solid, great, and well-compacted Body; and that the Proceedings of *Sacheverell* and his Party have open'd the Eyes of our Metropolis, and convinc'd them of the Necessity *of what prodigious Importance it is to the Welfare of the whole Nation*, to let them see *that the Rich and Powerful Inhabitants of the Great City continue right in their Notions of Government, both in Church and State; that they are not to be flattered*, nor mobb'd, *into their own Ruin; but seeing the Fatal Consequences of those damnable false Doctrines, which some Seditious Impostors*, such as *Sacheverell*, *Higgins*, *Lesly*, *Milbourn*, &c. *have laboured to Poison them with, have expressed their Detestation of 'em*, by Actions and Things, which are stronger than Words; so that the fiery Dr. may see now that we can with Justice turn his own Words upon him, and boast, that so great a Majority of the LiveryMen of *London* have appear'd against him and his Cause, as look'd his Party quite out of Countenance, which is oftentimes more Importance than the Mobs of Nonjurors, Papists, and other Enemies to the Government, who rais'd a Rebellion for the Doctor; and the Shoemakers, Butchers, Bakers, Alehousekeepers, &c. that are rais'd by Art to attend him in his seditious Parades and Processions thro' the Country. I fancy, Master, that upon the Arrival of this News, the Magistrates of Country Corporations will scarce find it worth their while to attend that Insignificant Tool of a Party in their Formalities; and that the Doctor, if his Madness and Folly be not incurable, will lay by some of his stinking Pride, and not expect the first Visit from Mayors and Aldermen, as we were inform'd he did lately at *Warwick*.

Obs. The Election in the City, *Roger*, has not only secur'd the Lives, Liberties, and Estates, of the Citizens, from the Attempts that the Faction would willingly have made upon them by their *Stanch Church* Juries, but will have a considerable Influence upon the Election of Parliament Men when the proper Time comes; and serve further to convince the Nation that the Faction will scarce be able to chuse such Representatives as they have undertaken to do; for I am of Opinion, *Roger*, that had the Party been in Fee with the Whigs to betray the Cause of *Sacheverell*, and their other Leaders, they could not have done it more effectually than by the Measures they have taken: I cannot believe that the People of *England* are so far deluded by the Apostles of Slavery, as to surrender their Lives and Fortunes into the Hands of Men who blacken the Revolution, and the Means by which it was effected; who insult the Memory of King *William* and Queen *Mary* as Rebels and Usurpers; who fly in Her Majesty's Face, and slily insinuate Her to be guilty of the same Crimes in their Sermons and Addresses; who run down the Authority of Parliaments, and Libel both Houses, as having acted contrary to the Law of God and the Land; who raise Rebellions to to maintain Non-resistance, and set up Hereditary Right, against Her Majesty's Title, and that

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of the Houſe of *Hannover*, who ſlander the Church with maintaining their unlimited Paſſive Doctrine, their Loyalty without Bounds, and their unconditional Obedience, to be Apoſtolical, contrary to the Acts of Her Convocations, to the Oaths of all Her Clergy, and to Her Publick Offices and Thankſgivings, wherein ſhe bleſſes God for the Reſiſtance made at the Revolution which delivered her from Popiſh Tyranny and Arbitrary Power. Theſe are too palpable Contradictions, and ſmell too ſtrong of Popery and Slavery, to go down with a People ſo clear-ſighted, and juſtly enamoured of the Proteſtant Religion and Liberty, as the *Engliſh* Nation.

Countrym. They may ſee, Maſter, if they be not ſtruck with a Judicial Blindneſs, that the Nation is againſt them; for the Senſe of our Country is to be gathered from Acts and Proceedings of Parliament, where we are truly repreſented; and not from Addreſſes procured by Trick and Art, and ſign'd by People who don't underſtand them. The Declaration of Rights, which contain the ſeveral Steps of King *James*'s Male-adminiſtration and Invaſion upon our Conſtitution, which occaſioned his being laid aſide, and upon a Promiſe of a Redreſs, of which King *William* and Queen *Mary* were ſet up in his Place, and Her Preſent Majeſty ſucceeded after them, is too ſtrong a Security for our Liberties, and of too great a Weight in its own Nature and Conſequences to be blown up by ſuch Treaſonable Addreſſes againſt our Conſtitution, as thoſe of *New-Sarum* and *Brecon*, which declare for *Loyalty without Bounds, and Obedience without Reſerve, Reſtriction or Limitation.* Theſe are expreſly againſt the Declaration of Rights, and the Act for ſettling the Succeſſion upon the Houſe of *Hannover*, with Limitations, as all the Addreſſes againſt Reſiſtance in any Caſe whatſoever are againſt the Act which abſolves us from our Allegiance to any King or Queen that is a Papiſt, turns Papiſt, or marries a Papiſt; ſo that theſe Men give up our Conſtitution at once, and ſap the very Foundations of the Acts eſtabliſhing the *Hannover* Succeſſion, for which they pretend ſuch a Zeal.

Obſ. You argue very juſtly, *Roger.* To declare for *Obedience without any Reſtriction, Reſerve or Limitation*, is certainly againſt the Acts which ſettle the *Hannover* Succeſſion with Limitations, and by Conſequence Treaſon, and that of the Blackeſt and moſt Malignant Sort too; ſince thoſe Addreſſers pretend Goſpel againſt Law, and ſay, that the Apoſtles enjoin unlimited Obedience and Non-reſiſtance; for if the Caſe be ſo, thoſe Laws abovemention'd are void in themſelves, and by Conſequence the Queen's Title founded on the Declaration of Rights, which are ſo many Limitations, enacted by Law upon the Succeſſors in all Time to come; and the Acts eſtabliſhing the *Hannover* Succeſſion with Limitations are meer Nullities; for no Legiſlature upon Earth has Power to make Laws againſt the Laws of God.

Countrym. By all this 'tis plain, Maſter, that *Sacheverell* and his High-Church Faction have rais'd a Croiſado againſt our Conſtitution, under the Name of the Church; thus they preach from their Pulpits, and ſound an Alarm thro' the Nation by their Addreſſes againſt the Declaration of Rights, and the Acts abovemention'd, and againſt the late Proceedings of both Houſes, approved by Her Majeſty againſt that Arch-Incendiary *Sacheverell*, as contrary to the Goſpel and Reveal'd Religion; and they ſet up the Antiquated Act of the 12th of King *Charles* II. *Cap.* 30. that *the People of this Nation, either collectively or repreſentatively, have no Coercive Power over the Kings or Queens of this Realm, and declare thoſe Poſitions to be Traiterous and Damnable, which aſſert the Legality of reſiſting* Princes *upon any Pretence whatſoever, contrary to the ſaid Declaration* of Rights, and the Act which abſolves us from Allegiance to any King or Queen that is a Papiſt, turns Papiſt, or marries a Papiſt; for theſe certainly eſtabliſh a Coercive Power, both in the Collective and Repreſentative Body of the Nation. Is not this ſtrange, that Men ſhould ſo audaciouſly fly in the Face of the Law, and aſſert ſuch Notorious Falſhoods in Matters of Fact? Muſt our Statute-Books be run down thus by Tory Addreſſes? And do thoſe People think that the Body of the *Britiſh* Nation will ever chuſe ſuch Men for Repreſentatives as are for leading them back to the Tyranny, Slavery, Popery, and Perſecution, that King *William*, and our Noble Patriots who join'd him, delivered us from by their Swords, and which he ſecured us againſt by the Declaration of Rights, and the Acts ſettling the *Hannover* Succeſſion, all which Her preſent Majeſty has confirm'd? The Fowler ſpreads his Nets in vain in the ſight of the Birds; and the Faction may ſee by the late Election of our City Sheriffs, that the People of this Nation have their Eyes open, and their Spirits rouz'd up, againſt thoſe Seditious and Treaſonable Principles, which ſhake the Foundation of Her Majeſty's Title, and of all our Liberties, Civil and Religious: Let them try the Experiment when they will, we make no doubt but they will find thoſe Acts of Parliament Armour of Proof againſt all their Tory Addreſſes; and let them flatter themſelves as much as they pleaſe, they will never get a Free *Britiſh* Parliament to repeal thoſe Acts, to make Way for their perverted Law and Goſpel, of which the Addreſſers themſelves never believ'd one Word, as was evident from their Practice, when King *James* touch'd their Church, and from that more freſh Inſtance of their Rebellion againſt Queen and Parliament, when they falſly gave out their Church to be attack'd in the Perſon of their Mutinous Ringleader *Sacheverell.* The Nation ſees their Hypocriſie too well to be deluded by them; the Turn is begun at the Head, and will quickly diffuſe itſelf thro' the whole Body.

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